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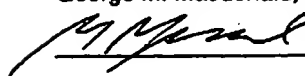
APPELLANT'S BRIEF ON APPEAL

Sir:

This is an appeal pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 134 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.191 et seq. from the final rejection of claims 26-27 and 34 of the above-identified application mailed April 13, 2004. Claims 26-27 and 34 stand at least twice rejected. This Brief is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed in this case on July 13, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension to file the brief and fee is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this brief is timely filed. The fee for submitting this Brief is \$340.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c)). Please charge Deposit Account No. **16-1885** in the amount of \$340.00 to cover these fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this appeal or to make this brief timely or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **16-1885**.

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